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MISSION PROVIDES BELOW TEXTS OF LETTER BY THE CHAIRMAN (ALTENBERG)  
OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM (PIT) OF NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY  
STUDY GROUP AND AN ENCLOSURE SUGGESTING ITEMS OF DISCUSSION  
FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PIT ON APRIL 29 AND 30, 1975.  
MISSION IS POUCHING SAME INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON ALONG WITH  
"FLOW CHART" SHOWING PROPOSED PIT METHODOLOGY (ENCLOSURE 2).

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

AS ANNOUNCED IN MY LETTER OF 4 MARCH 1975, I AM NOW TRANS-  
MITTING YOU A PROPOSAL OF THE QUESTIONS WE OUGHT TO DISCUSS  
AT OUR MEETING IN BONN ON 29/30 APRIL 1975; THE ITEMS ARE  
LISTED AT ENCLOSURE 1.

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TO FIND A COMMON ANALYTICAL APPROACH TO OUR WORK I AM SUB-  
MITTING A SUGGESTION AT ENCLOSURE 2 WHICH, I FEEL, SHOULD  
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN CARRYING OUT OUR WORK.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FIRST MEETING AND WISH YOU ALL  
A GOOD TRIP TO BONN, WHERE WE SHALL MEET AT THE FEDERAL  
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, HARDTHOHE, BLDG NO 6, ROOM NO 121 AT  
1000 HRS ON 29 APRIL. IF YOU WISH TO BE MET AT YOUR HOTEL,  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN TIME THE NAME OF THE HOTEL AND THE  
TIME YOU WANT TO BE PICKED UP. END TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT OF ENCLOSURE:

ENCLOSURE 1

SUBJECT: ITEMS OF DISCUSSION FOR THE FIRST MEETING  
OF THE POL IMPL TEAM ON 29/30 APRIL 1975

REFERENCE: NPG (STAFF GROUP)N(75)9 DATED 22 JANUARY 1975  
AND CORRIGENDUM DATED 24 JANUARY 1975

I. ANALYSIS: DEFINITION PHASE

1. PURPOSE

A. DOES THE STATED PURPOSE "TO EXAMINE THE POLITICAL  
AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS  
TECHNOLOGY FOR THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS"  
EXCLUDE THE EXAMINATION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPON SYSTEMS  
(POSSIBLY AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS) OR SHOULD  
IT BE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME "WITHIN THE BROAD FRAME-  
WORK OF NATO STRATEGY (MC 14/3)"

B. THE REFERENCE TO "TACTICAL USE" MUST BE INTERPRETED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPTIONS DESCRIBED IN THE "PROVISIONS  
POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE INITIAL DEFENSIVE TACTICAL  
USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY NATO", DPC/D(69)58 (REVISED),  
PARA 66.

2. SCOPE

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A. SHOULD THE TERM "NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY" BE RESTRICTED  
IN ITS MEANING, FOR INSTANCE TO  
-EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS

- SYSTEMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- DEVELOPMENT TRENDS ON THE BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC  
FINDINGS.

B. IS THE 1975-1985 TIMEFRAME SUFFICIENT, ESPECIALLY  
IN VIEW OF THE LEAD TIME REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE SUCH  
WEAPONS?

OR WOULD A BROADER TIMEFRAME TEND TO INITIATE SPECULATIVE STATEMENTS BECAUSE OF MANY INHERENT UNCERTAINTIES.

C. CAN THE ASPECTS MENTIONED IN PARAS 5 AND 12 OF THE ABOVE REFERENCE BE CONSIDERED ALL-EMBRACING?

- SHOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ASPECTS BE CONSIDERED UNDER PARA 5:

. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO RESTORE THE DETERRENT AFTER IT SHOULD HAVE FAILED INITIALLY?

. WHAT WILL BE THE INFLUENCE ON THE WP OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY?

. WHAT ARE THE CAPABILITIES WE ARE STRIVING AT, AND WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES OF TARGETS TO BE COVERED?

- THESE ASPECTS ARE TO BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF PARA 12, "STANDPOINTS".

### 3. GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS?

### 4. METHOD OF WORK

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A. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONS TO OR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE WORK SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED AT ENCLOSURE 2?

B. SHOULD THE WORK BE DONE BY WORKING GROUPS OR IN PLENARY SESSIONS?

C. SHOULD INDIVIDUAL TASKS BE DELEGATED, E.G. TO NATIONS?

### 5. ESTIMATED TIME REQUIREMENT

A. HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDIES?

B. WHERE SHOULD THE NEXT MEETING OF THE POL IMPL TEAM TAKE PLACE?

### 6. EXPECTED OUTCOME

A. SHOULD THE EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE TEAM'S WORK BE EXCLUSIVELY ORIENTED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MIT'S ACTIVITIES OR

B. SHOULD OTHER RELEVANT FINDINGS, SUCH AS THE REPORT ON

THE NUNN AMENDMENT, CNI, PHASE II REPORT, ETC. BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT?

7. DEFINITION OF TERMS

A. ARE THE TERMS USED IN PARAS 5 AND 12 OF THE NPG (STAFF GROUP)N(75)9 DOCUMENT DEFINED UNEQUIVOCALLY? WHAT DO THEY MEAN EXACTLY?

B. WHAT ARE THEIR MUTUAL INTERRELATIONS? WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT GROUPS OF TERMS WHICH COULD FACILITATE THE STUDIES?

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II. PROBLEM SOLUTION PHASE

8. MIT OUTPUT DESIRED

A. WILL THE MIT APPROACH MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS? IF NOT, WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE AGREED?

B. ARE THERE ADDITIONAL OUTPUTS WE NEED FROM MIT FOR OUR WORK?

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA TO BE USED IN EVALUATING THE NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY (E.G. THOSE OF THE PROVISIONAL POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE INITIAL DEFENSIVE TACTICAL

USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY NATO, OF PARAS 5 AND 12 OF THE  
NPG (STAFF GROUP)N(75)9 PAPER, AREA OF APPLICATION OF  
THE NEW WEAPONS/SYSTEMS)?

B. WHAT RASTER (SIC) OR WHAT DECISION MATRIX DO WE NEED FOR  
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